FISCAL NOTE

HB 4115 - SB 4159

February 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) to enter into agreements with local governmental entities for the transfer of DOC inmates to confinement in local facilities for participation in local pre-release programs. Eligible inmates must be within a year of their sentence expiration or have been recommended for parole by the Board of Probation and Parole. DOC retains jurisdiction over the transferred inmates.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Local Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Local jails are reimbursed for housing state felons at a maximum cap of \$35 per day, except in Davidson County, Shelby County, and Johnson City, which receive a higher contract rate.
- According to DOC, any inmate transferred from a DOC facility to a local facility would result in another inmate being transferred from that facility back to DOC, thus exchanging one prisoner for another with no change in the number of prisoners held in DOC facilities or local facilities. Therefore, the net impact on state expenditures and local revenue and expenditures is not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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